

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected the claims as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner is of the opinion that the disclosure of GB2316760 is required to be incorporated into the specification as essential material. Although the undersigned respectfully disagrees, the rejection is now moot in that by way of the foregoing amendments, the disclosure of GB2316760 has been added to the present application as directed by the Examiner. The amendatory material is taken almost verbatim from GB2316760 which is referenced on page 4 at line 28, except for appropriate editorial changes, and thus does not constitute the addition of new matter.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC § 112 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and § 103

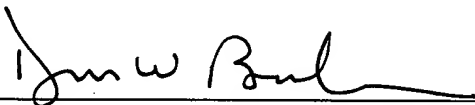
Regarding the art rejections, the Examiner indicated on page 6 of the Office Action that they would be obviated upon incorporation of a detailed description of the technique from GB2316760, in place of the reference on page 4 at lines 27-29, and further to insert certain language. By way of the foregoing amendments, essentially the entire disclosure of GB2316760 has been inserted in the present application and presumably this now renders moot the art rejections advanced by the Examiner.¹ The inserted disclosure coupled with the balance of the description of the present invention presumably removes any issue about enablement of the claims and their patentability over the prior art for the reasons previously submitted. Therefore, withdrawal of the art rejections is respectfully requested.

¹ During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on December 2, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that the inclusion of GB2316760 would resolve the various rejections. The Examiner requested the undersigned to check to make sure GB2316760 has been made of record, and the undersigned hereby confirms that it has been.

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

RENNER, OTTO, BOISSELLE & SKLAR, LLP

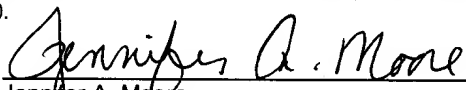
By 
Don W. Bulson, Reg. No. 28,192

1621 Euclid Avenue
Nineteenth Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
(216) 621-1113

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper or thing referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: December 3, 2003


Jennifer A. Moore

Z:\SEC152\152\DWB\DYOUN\PIP0203\IP0203US.R06.wpd